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Oswestria: Richard Blodwell

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN the xxvijth day of Aprill Anno domini 1638. I Richard Blodwall of Oswestry in the county of Salop and dioces of St Asaphe gent. beinge sicke in body but of perfect memory (praysed be God) doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge, that is to say, First I commend my soule unto the Almighty God who gave it hopeinge to be saved by the death and passion of my saviour Jesus Christ and my body to the earth to be interred after Christian buryall in the parish church of Oswestrye aforesaid Item I give and bequeath unto my deare and loveing wiefe Barbara Blodwell the moytye or one half of all my goodes and personall estate and the other moytye or one half therof I give and bequeath unto my loveinge mother Anne Blodwell and my bretheren in law John Kinaston and Arthur Warde gentleman to be equally devided betweene them (saveinge and exceptinge all the waynscottes and other standers¹ fixed to my now dwellinge house, and my best beddsteed and one longe table and one round table in my parlor and I will and require may be left as appurtenaunces to me same house) Item I give and bequeath to my sister Margarett wiefe of Thomas Coid² mercer forty shillinges and to Master John Kyffyn vicar of Oswestrye xx^s and to my servant John Langford xx^s and to Thomas ap Robert carpenter the some of twenty six shillinges which I owe unto him as a debt which said severall sommes I will that my executors hereafter named shall and will equally pay out of my said goodes and personall estate amonge them, Item I give and bequeath unto my servantes William Powell cardemaker and John Langford all my weareinge apparell to be equally devided amonge them Item I give and bequeath to my brother Henry Blodwell fifty shillinges and to my brother Robert Blodwell fifty shillinges which sommes beinge v^l in the whole I will and require shall be paid by my brother John Blodwell and in default of payement thereof, then I give devise and graunt unto my said bretheren Henry Blodwell and Robert Blodwell all that one messuage which I lately purchased of Peeter Davyes and Jannett Davyes widdowe scituate in Oswestry aforesaid without the gate there called Bettridge Gate to have and to hould the said crofte with the appurtenaunces unto them the said Henry Blodwell and Robert Blodwell and their heyres and assignes ioyntly forever And as touching and concerninge the somme of one and forty powndes and seaven shillinges of mine nowe remayneinge in the handes of my brother in lawe Mr Arthur Warde to desburse and pay the same unto the persons herafter

¹ OED: fixture.

² Could be Coie.

named to whome I am indebted and owe the same (that is to say) unto Thomas Baker gentleman eight powndes <to Master Bleys³ of Chester eight powndes> seaventeene shillings and to Master Robert Greene fower powndes and tenne shillings, lastly I nominate and appoint my said wiefe Barbara Blodwell my said mother Anne Blodwell and my said bretheren in lawe John Kinaston and Arthur Ward to be executors of this my said last will and testament and to see the same duly performed accordinge to the true meaneinge herof, In witnesse I have hereunto putt my hand and seale the day and yeare first above written The marke of the said Richard Blodwell Sealed published and declared in the presence of John Edwardes Richard Jones William Thomas Thomas Williams

Postscript that whereas a doubt is mad by one of the executors above named, that is to say, my loveinge wiefe Barbara Blodwell concerninge the payement as well of the debtes of me the said Richard Blodwell as alsoe for the dischargeinge of my funerall expences and of the herriotes after my death my true intent and meaneinge is that my said loveinge wiefe shall only pay the fowerth parte thereof and noe more, In testimony wherof I have caused this postscript to be made and as codicill added to this my said will and testament the 5th day of May 1638 and herto have subscribed my marke in the presence of The marke of the said Richard Blodwell Richard Jones William Powell Thomas Williams

[Latin]

The fourth day of the month of June 1638 before the lord chancellor etc. Probate was granted of this same testament and administration was and is committed to Barbara Blodwell widow and relict, Anne Blodwell mother and also John Kinaston and Arthur Ward relations of the said deceased and executors etc. to well etc. by the strength of the commission sworn, saving etc.

³ This name obscured.